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SUBJECT: AMIR OF KUWAIT TO BEGIN PROCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

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1. IN AN OTHERWISE UNREMARKABLE PRE-TAPED TELEVISION NATIONAL DAY SPEECH ON FEB 25, THE AMIR OF KUWAIT SAID: "I WILL, IF GOD WISHES, START, AS SOON AS I RETURN TO MY BELOVED COUNTRY, NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS FOR ISSUING A DECREE FORMING A COMMITTEE WHICH WILL STUDY REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION . . . ." THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH HE REFERRED APPARENTLY IS THE ONE MENTIONED IN ARTICLES 4 AND 5 OF THE AMIR'S ORDER OF AUGUST 29, 1976 (REFTEL, PARA 1.C) WHICH IS TO "CONSIDER REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION" IN LINE WITH "SOUND DEMOCRATIC RULE," THE "INTEGRITY AND STABILITY OF THE FATHERLAND," THE "SPIRIT" OF ISLAM, ETC. AS PROVIDED IN THAT ORDER, THE COMMITTEE, ONCE NAMED, WILL HAVE SIX MONTHS TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS THROUGH THE CABINET TO THE AMIR. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, PRESS SPECULATION ON THE NATURE OF THE REVISED CONSTITUTION HAS ALREADY BEGUN. IN DECEMBER 1976, A KUWAIT TIMES (DEC30) REPORTER ASSERTED THAT "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES" WERE CONSIDERING THE FORMATION OF A "SENATE" FOR KUWAIT, AND THE POLITICAL EDITOR OF AL ANBA (FEB 27) HAS REPORTED THAT KUWAIT MAY HAVE A BICAMERAL SYSTEM, WITH A STRONGER EXECUTIVE BRANCH, IN LESS THAT THE FOUR YEARS WHICH SEEMS TO BE THE MAXIMUM PERIOD
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ENVISIONED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

2. COMMENT: THE AMIR'S UNDERTAKING TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL WORD WE HAVE HAD ON THE SUBJECT FOR SOME TIME. WHILE THERE WILL CLEARLY BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF PROGRESS TOWARD A NEW CONSTITUTION, BOTH BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IS NAMED AND AFTER IT

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SUBMITS ITS REPORT, IT DOES APPEAR THAT THE GOK IS ABOUT TO MKE
SOME MOVEMENTS TOWARD REVISION. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL INDICATION
THAT KUWAIT WILL HAVE A LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ONCE AGAIN -- THE
NEXT GOK BUDGET,'NOW ENTERING FINAL STAGES OF WORK, REPORTEDLY
CONTAINS A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS TO BUILD A NEW NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BUILDING.
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